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NEW MECHANIZED INFANTRY REGIMENT IN SHENYANG MILITARY REGION, CHINA (S)

1. [REDACTED] The 64th Army in Shenyang Military Region (MR), China, has been upgraded by the introduction of a mechanized infantry regiment into the 190th Infantry Division.¹ This regiment is the first such unit in Shenyang MR, and only the third mechanized infantry regiment identified in China. It is also the first mechanized infantry regiment in China to be found organic to a unit other than an independent armored division.

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2. (S/D) Imagery of [REDACTED] revealed a total of 120 M-1967 armored personnel carriers (APCs) at Pien-niu-pao-tzu Army Barracks and Division Headquarters AL-3 [REDACTED] Figure 1). The APCs were organized into three battalions located primarily in separate areas within the installation. Area A1¹ contained 41 APCs (Figure 2), area A3 had 39 APCs (Figure 3), and area A9 had 37 APCs (Figure 4). One APC was parked in area A6, and two others were observed in the tracked-vehicle driver training course adjacent to area A6. Covered storage does not appear to be sufficient for all the APCs, cargo trucks, and other support vehicles associated with the unit.

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3. [REDACTED] The identification of the mechanized infantry regiment at Pien-niu-pao-tzu Army Barracks and Division Headquarters AL-3 is the only indication of a mechanized unit in the 64th Army, 80 percent of which was covered on [REDACTED] Two other mechanized regiments have been identified in China. One is subordinate to the 1st Armored Division (Independent), Beijing MR, and the other is subordinate to the 2nd Armored Division (Independent), Jinan MR.² A mechanized infantry battalion was reported³ with the 3rd Armored Division (Independent)² in the Siping area of Shenyang MR, apparently in association with that unit, but because the possible APCs seen there were only of battalion strength, the unit could not be confirmed as a separate mechanized unit.

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4. [REDACTED] The function of Pien-niu-pao-tzu AL-3 has changed over the years. Prior to November 1973, the facility housed a tank regiment of the 3rd Armored Division (Independent). The last confirmed observation of tanks—or of significant numbers of any type of armored vehicle at Pien-niu-pao-tzu AL-3—was on imagery of [REDACTED] when 77 tanks were present. An infantry regiment subordinate to the 190th Infantry Division, 64th Army, replaced the tank regiment of the 3rd Armored Division. The infantry regiment was assessed¹ to have a tank battalion, even though no confirmed tanks were identified. Armored vehicles have consistently been identified, however. Eight confirmed armored vehicles were seen on imagery of [REDACTED] four possible armored vehicles were observed on [REDACTED] one probable armored vehicle was seen on [REDACTED] and one armored vehicle was identified on [REDACTED]

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5. (S/D) With the identification of the M-1967 APCs on imagery of [REDACTED] Pien-niu-pao-tzu Army Barracks and Division Headquarters AL-3 is now assessed to house only a mechanized infantry regiment. No tanks are believed to be housed at the installation.



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